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[and before line 6 of the text, please insert] Related Art *m*

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[At page 9, before line 8, please insert] BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION *m*

and

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[before line 16, please insert] DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

INVENTION *m*

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[At page 28, before line 7, please insert] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE

DRAWINGS *m*

In the Claims:

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IS CLAIMED IS: *m*

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

3. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the 21.3kDa protein of *Asparagus officinalis* is a thaumatin-like PR-5 protein.

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4. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein said promoter includes the nucleotide sequence of Figure 6.

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7. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule comprising at least two promoter sequences of [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, arranged in series.

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9. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to [any one of claims 7 or 8] claim 7, wherein at least one of said promoters comprises the SA responsive element of claim 5.

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10. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule comprising an amplification system, wherein said amplification system is operably linked to a promoter according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

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13. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to [claim 11 or] claim 12, wherein said transactivator sequence is preferably LhG4, and said second promoter sequence is preferably pOP910.

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14. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to [any one of claims 1 to 13] claim 1 operably linked to a DNA sequence encoding a product of interest.

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16. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to claim 14 [or claim 15], wherein said product, when expressed, affects a plant trait.

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18. (Once Amended) A recombinant or isolated DNA molecule according to [any one of claims 14 to 17] claim 14 further comprising a marker gene.

19. (Once Amended) A vector comprising the recombinant or isolated DNA molecule of [any one of claims 1 to 18] claim 1.

20. (Once Amended) A host cell comprising [a DNA molecule of any one of claims 1 to 18 or a] the vector of claim 19.

23. (Once Amended) A method of identifying an agent capable of regulating the expression of heterologous genes which are operatively linked to the promoter of [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, the method comprising the steps of applying a putative agent to the sample comprising the promoter of [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1 operatively linked to a gene, and measuring the expression level of the gene.

24. (Once Amended) An agent capable of regulating the expression of heterologous genes operatively linked to the promoter of [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, obtainable by the method of claim 23.

Please add the following new claims:

25. A vector comprising the recombinant or isolated DNA molecule of claim 5.